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## Illustrative Examples of Omissions From the Iraqi Declaration to the United Nations Security Council

### Anthrax and Other Undeclared Biological Agents

- The UN Special Commission concluded that Iraq did not verifiably account for, at a minimum, 2160kg of growth media.
- This is enough to produce 26,000 liters of anthrax — 3 times the amount Iraq declared; 1200 liters of botulinum toxin; and, 5500 liters of clostridium perfringens — 16 times the amount Iraq declared.
- *Why does the Iraqi declaration ignore these dangerous agents in its tally?*

### Ballistic Missiles

- Iraq has disclosed manufacturing new energetic fuels suited only to a class of missile to which it does not admit.
- Iraq claims that flight-testing of a larger diameter missile falls within the 150km limit. This claim is not credible.
- *Why is the Iraqi regime manufacturing fuels for missiles it says it does not have?*

### Nuclear Weapons

- The Declaration ignores efforts to procure uranium from Niger.
- *Why is the Iraqi regime hiding their uranium procurement?*

### VX

- In 1999, UN Special Commission and international experts concluded that Iraq needed to provide additional, credible information about VX production.
- The declaration provides no information to address these concerns.
- *What is the Iraqi regime trying to hide by not providing this information?*

### Chemical and Biological Weapons Munitions

- In January 1999, the UN Special Commission reported that Iraq failed to provide credible evidence that 550 mustard gas-filled artillery shells and 400 biological weapon-capable aerial bombs had been lost or destroyed.
- The Iraqi regime has never adequately accounted for hundreds, possibly thousands, of tons of chemical precursors.
- *Again, what is the Iraqi regime trying to hide by not providing this information?*

### Empty Chemical Munitions

- There is no adequate accounting for nearly 30,000 empty munitions that could be filled with chemical agents.
- *Where are these munitions?*

### Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) Programs

- Iraq denies any connection between UAV programs and chemical or biological agent dispersal. Yet, Iraq admitted in 1995 that a MIG-21 remote-piloted vehicle tested in 1991 was to carry a biological weapon spray system.
- Iraq already knows how to put these biological agents into bombs and how to disperse biological agent using aircraft or unmanned aerial vehicles.
- *Why do they deny what they have already admitted? Why has the Iraqi regime acquired the range and auto-flight capabilities to spray biological weapons?*

### Mobile Biological Weapon Agent Facilities

- The Iraqi declaration provides no information about its mobile biological weapon agent facilities. Instead it insists that these are "refrigeration vehicles and food testing laboratories."
- *What is the Iraqi regime trying to hide about their mobile biological weapon facilities?*

### Summary

None of these holes and gaps in Iraq's declaration are mere accidents, editing oversights or technical mistakes: they are material omissions.